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The report that the USSR is planning an atomic plant in Hungnam makes plain two significant facts: a move to permanently sovietize North Korea, and the discovery of uranium in the region of Hamgyong Provinces.

Uranium deposits were discovered in 1947 in the neighborhood of Chuol Hot Spring in Hamgyong Pukto. However, the small uranium content seemed to have caused the Russians to go slow in mining uranium ore until it became possible for them to ship the ore to Vladivostok for uranium separation. At present, to expedite the shipping of ore from Hamgyong Pukto to Vladivostok, every available freight car is being put into service.

It is not yet known whether or not this projected atomic plant in Hungnam will be underground. However, making Hungnam into an atomic city is a definite certainty. Upon the completion of the project in Hungnam, the uranium ores mined in the area of Chuol Hot Spring will be processed in Hungnam, instead of being shipped to East Siberia as is done now.

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